

CAMAS SCHOOL BOARD



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After 34 years of board service, Cardon lays down the gavel

ASK MEL CARDON how the Camas School District has changed in the 34 years he's served on the board and his answer is "WOW!"

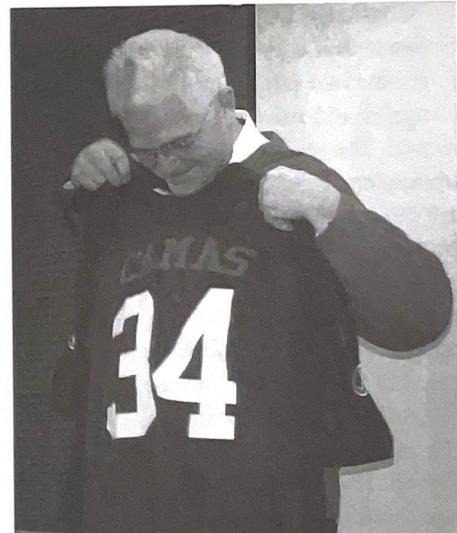
That answer is no doubt uttered in sheer amazement at the transformations that have occurred since Cardon was elected to serve as a school board member in 1975. But, there's one thing for certain that hasn't changed — his reason for serving.

"It was always about the kids," he said. "I started serving because of my kids and I continued to be involved because of other kids. The children we serve have become an extension of my

family and I always wanted to make sure they had the best education possible," he added.

The soft-spoken, big-hearted board member retired this month after more than three decades of service, punctuated with lofty accomplishments and unmatched dedication to education. Cardon is quick to point out he's not single-handedly responsible for the district's many successes. He fully credits insightful leaders — superintendents, teachers, support staff and fellow board members.

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Mel Cardon received a CHS #34 football jersey as a symbol of his 34 years of service to Camas.